JFK study expensive, British author says

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FORT WORTH — Michael Eddowes, the British author and lawyer who started the clamor for exhuming Lee Harvey Oswald, looked almost lonely as he stood near the graveside Sunday watching a crane remove Oswald's casket.

"Please remember, Dr. Charles Petty (Dallas County medical examiner) was persuaded sufficiently by the evidence I presented to call for an exhumation and autopsy," said Eddowes, 77, who reportedly paid for the disinterment. "I don't want to be branded as some nut."

Eddowes, a wealthy owner of a restaurant chain in England, estimates he has spent more than $250,000 since 1963 in his own investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. His expenses include numerous trips between London and Dallas, legal fees, chauffeurs and private investigators.

Last year, Eddowes said he still had "a comfortable income, but at the rate I am spending it at the moment, it's an uncomfortale income with the number of lawyers I am employing ... I am just about breaking even."

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